versal 'orld, when the true and aiincient prerogatives and laws of the wars is not kept: if you would take the pains but to examine the wars of Pompey the Great, you shall find, I warrant you, that there is no tiddle taddle, or pibble pabble, in Pompey's camp: I warrant you, you shall find the ceremonies of the wars[a], and the cares of it, and the forms of it, and the sobriety of it, and the modesty of it, to be otherwise.

Gow. Why, the enemy is loud: you heard him all night.

FLU. If the enemy is an ass and a fool, and a prating coxcomb, is it meet, think you, that we should also, look you, be an ass, and a fool, and a prating coxcomb; in your own conscience now?

Gow. I will speak lower.

Flu. I pray you, and beseech you, that you will.

*[Exeunt GOWER and FLUELLEN**

K. HEN. Though it appear a little out of fashion, There is much care and valour in this Welshman.

night. But what he says as he is going out, puts, I think, the emendation that I have adopted beyond a doubt. I will do as you desire, "I will speak *lower*."

* Shakspeare has here, as usual, followed Holinshed: "Order was taken by commandement from the king, after the array was first set in battayle array, that *no noise or clamour should be made in the hoste*." MALONE.

To "speak *lower*" is the more familiar reading; but to "speak *lew*" is a provincial phrase still in use among the vulgar in some counties; signifying, to speak in a *calm, small* voice; and consequently has the same meaning as *low*. In Sussex I heard one female servant say to another—"Speak *fewer*, or my mistress will hear you." STEEVENS.

[a] — I warrant you, &c.] Amongst the laws and ordinances

militarie set *down* bv Robert Earl of Leicester in the Low Countries, printed at Levden, 1586* one is, that " No man shall make awe outcrie or noise in anv watch, ward, ambush, or anie other place *where silence is reauisite,* and necessurie, upon paine of losses of life or limb at the? general's discretion/' REED,